

LOCAL NEWS.

A WOMAN with a new dress that is very becoming isn't satisfied until the man she likes best and the woman she likes least have seen it.

REV. MOERS, pastor of the German Methodist church, is now a resident of Brenham, having moved in Thursday from Phillipsburg.

JUSTICE EWING tied a matrimonial knot Thursday afternoon for Mr. Emil Arndt and Miss Emilie Maass. The contracting parties are prosperous young people from the vicinity of Burton.

THE various hotels of the city are making preparations now for elegant dinners Christmas. Brenham hotels always serve the finest on the annual festival day, and their menu attract many to their tables.

THE Christmas trade hustlers are up and doing, and trade is booming. The advertiser is catching the bulk of the trade, and if you doubt this statement go around and watch the drift of the crowds.

A CURIOUS jawbone has been found in a well between a layer of brick near Brenham, and doctors who have examined it pronounce it to be the jawbone of the woman who tried to have the last word with her neighbor.—Palestine Press.

THE Athletic Club is preparing for one of the most elaborate balls ever held in Brenham. The season of festivity is near at hand, and other entertainments will be provided at which the people of Brenham may give rein to pent-up joyousness. Everybody dance.

COURTNEY VIRGINIA, the three-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Brydson Murray of Caldwell died Thursday morning with that dread disease, diphtheria. Mr. D. C. Williams of this place, a brother of Mrs. Murray, went up on the noon Santa Fe to attend the funeral.

THE 14-year-old son of Mr. Jim Boulware, in the eastern portion of Waller county, was accidentally struck on the nose by a chip of wood, from the effects of which he suffered death, lockjaw developing after a few days. The case has puzzled the physicians of the neighborhood.

MR. JAS. S. GIDDINGS, of the First National Bank, was forty-eight years old Thursday, Dec. 16th, his birth days dating from the year gold was discovered in California and making him one of the earliest "49ers." The anniversary occasion was celebrated by a family dining.

SEVERAL of the Brenham friends of the contracting parties attended the wedding ceremony and reception of Mr. Henry Fehler and Miss Bertha Schlottmann at the Samuels Lutheran church Thursday, among the number Mr. August Brockschmidt, of Brockschmidt & Hohlt, and Editor Geo. Tucker of the Evening Press.

Go away from home to learn the news. The Temple Tribune says: "A marriage will occur in Brenham on the 22nd in which some of Temple's young men will be interested. The contracting parties are E. Muery and Miss M. Muery. The young lady who is to be married in this city has quite a number of admirers and acquaintances, and a happy life is expected for her."

REVEREND DENISON, of Denison, Tex., will preach at the church morning service. The reverend reached Brenham morning via the train, and put in the day acquainted with the people and other citizens. He is affable in manner and is regarded as one of the ablest divines in the commonwealth.

SECESSION MOVEMENT.

KNIGHTS AND LADIES OF DIXIE PART COMPANY WITH THEIR SUPREME OFFICERS.

Contest Over "What's in a Name." Some Ringing Resolutions.

The following resolutions were adopted by Washington Lodge No. 22, Knights and Ladies of Dixie of Brenham, Texas, at a regular meeting held Dec. 15th, 1897:

Whereas, It has been made known to this Lodge that the executive committee of the Knights and Ladies of Dixie, by self-assumed authority, and directly contrary to the fundamental laws of the society, has undertaken to change the name of the society from the "Knights and Ladies of Dixie" to that of "Knights and Ladies of Columbia," and

Whereas, We understand that the sole object in making said change was to enable those holding lucrative positions in the society, looking only to their personal pecuniary interest, to enter northern territory in seeking membership, and in order to pacify the sectional whims and prejudices of the people of said northern territory, to whose ears it is claimed, the sound of the name of "Dixie" is obnoxious, therefore, be it resolved by Washington Lodge No. 22, Knights and Ladies of Dixie in regular session:

1st, That we condemn the act of said committee in changing the name of this society, as a piece of high handed assumption of authority and challenge the right of said committee to change a fundamental law, as a flagrant violation of Section 7, Article 1, of the Constitution of this order, which provides that only the Most Worthy Supreme Lodge in regular session can change any fundamental law, and also in violation of Section 11, Article 5, of the Constitution which provides that the Most Worthy Supreme Lodge may change, or amend any of the fundamental laws of the society, at any regular session.

2nd, That in accordance with the principle that first called to arms Southern chivalry, and that drenched our beautiful Southland with the blood of as noble heroes as ever bore the flag of a nation's trust, we concede to said committee and their followers the right to secede from this society, and to set up an organization of their own, but we deny the right assumed by them to claim this order, and at the same time disregard the hallowed memories it is supposed to cherish as a sacred heritage.

3d, That such change, if concurred in by the Supreme Lodge, would override and destroy the objects and aims of this society, as set forth in Section 2, Article 1, of the Constitution, which says among other objects for which it was organized: "To hand down to our children the story of a nation that once lived, but is now no more. To preserve the records, memorials and relics of the war; to teach the coming generations what their fathers and mothers have done under a conviction of right, and as honest and brave men they could do no less, and grieved because they could do no more, and died as heroes die, for the right as they were given to see it."

4th, That we consider these sentiments as too sacred to be lightly cast aside, and as too much entwined around the heart strings of every true southern man and woman, to be allowed to be torn asunder by so ruthless a hand as this Executive Committee have shown, especially when it is so apparent that their entire motive is of a selfish and pecuniary benefit—"the love of money, the root of all evil."

5th, That the movements of the Executive Committee are too erratic, and their continued efforts to override the laws of the society are too frequent, for this lodge to longer follow them, and especially in the withdrawal from the Society of the Knights and Ladies of Dixie, of which name we are proud, and shall proclaim our allegiance to this society to all the world, and shall use our best endeavors to build up, and to promote its cause and trust that it will not be a great while until we will have regained the losses in numbers occasioned by the withdrawal of those members who have seceded from the Knights and Ladies of Dixie, and have cast their lot with the Knights and Ladies of Columbia.

6th, That these resolutions be sent broadcast over the south,

and that all members of the order be requested to carefully weigh the matters herein referred to, and if concurred in, that they instruct their representatives to have diligent enquiries made at the next session of the most worthy Supreme Lodge into the revolutionary actions of this Executive Committee, and if necessary to have charges preferred against them for usurping authority never delegated to them by the most worthy Supreme Lodge.

Respectfully submitted,
C. H. CARLISLE,
W. B. GARRETT,
H. C. REES.
Committee.

The above resolutions were adopted, and the committee were directed to have same printed for the purpose of distribution among the lodges throughout the south, and also to invite the lodges in Texas to send representatives to Brenham, February 14, 1898, for the purpose of taking such steps as may seem to them best, to perpetuate the Society of the Knights and Ladies of Dixie, and if found necessary, to take the proper measure towards organizing a Grand Lodge. The committee was also directed to send a copy to each one of the Supreme Officers.

Washington Lodge at this place is not the only shell on the secession shore. In a circular letter W. H. Woodruff, State organizer for the Knights and Ladies of Columbia, writes in part as follows to the members of Palestine Lodge, No. 3, Knights and Ladies of Dixie:

A circular letter, a copy of which I have before me, signed by your former commander, was published in the daily papers of this city. This letter was intended, to cast a reflection on the soundness and stability of our order, the Knights and Ladies of Columbia, formerly the Knights and Ladies of Dixie, and the author of this letter directly accused our supreme officers who reside at Little Rock, Ark., of dishonesty. I replied to that circular letter, and sent my letter to your scribe, and it was read to you in open lodge. I defended the character of these supreme officers because I know each one of them personally, and know them to be men of the highest integrity, honesty and veracity.

In addition to this circular letter our enemies have been very active in circulating slanderous and false statements concerning our order and our supreme officers, and have done everything in their power to crush our order out of existence. But we are here to stay, not only in Texas, but throughout this broad land, and we propose to stay here, not by chicanery, trickery and falsehood, but by honest methods of doing business, and by paying in full all claims against us in the future as we have done in the past.

In the same connection Mr. Woodruff gives a letter from Chas. F. Penzel, president of the Exchange National Bank at Little Rock, Ark., in which that gentleman vouches for the honor and uprightness of Major Sparling and T. E. Little, two of the Supreme officers of the organization, of whose conduct the adherents of the Dixie name have seen fit to complain and whose integrity is questioned. Mr. Little is assistant treasurer of the State of Arkansas and Supreme Treasurer of the order. Major Sparling is Supreme Recorder.

Some Bad School Boys.

Little Wm. Schafer, an attendant on Prof. J. R. Holmey's private school, is about to lose the sight of one of his eyes as the result of some rough treatment received at the hands of two of his schoolmates. His story is to the effect that one of the larger boys caught and held him while a smaller boy struck him in the eye with a stick. Dr. J. R. Williamson who dressed the wound is not quite sure yet of being able to save the eye.

FARM AND RANCH: "The difference between the acquisition by conquest of one of the far off islands of the Pacific, and annexing the same against the will of the people, is—Carl Spreckles, and about forty other carpet-baggers."

A Talented Lady Minstrel Director.

The LaGrange Journal says: Mr. George Wilson, the talented lady minstrel director, was here a few days last week for the purpose of putting on a minstrel with our talented young ladies, but owing to Xmas being so near at hand, he was unable to secure the cast. Mr. Wilson came to our city with the most flattering press notices, letters and credentials. Among them was the last entertainment, which he put on at Yoakum a few days ago, and which was a howling success, having a cast of 30 of Yoakum's fairest damsels. This is something of a novelty, seeing a genuine negro minstrel given by young ladies, and home talent at that. His letters and press comments show he has been packing the opera houses to the doors everywhere he has been. The reporter chanced to see two of Mr. Wilson's entertainments, and can safely say if he makes arrangements here, it will be the crowning feature of the theatrical season. Mr. Wilson is sure he can secure a cast of the many talented young ladies of our city, and has been induced to come back, which, he informs us, will be after Christmas. The entertainment will be given for some local benefit.

Cheaper Matrimony.

For the benefit and encouragement of numerous impecunious young men with empty purses and matrimonial intentions the statement of Senator Colquit concerning the lawful price of marriage licenses is herewith given. He says:

"I see that a number of county clerks have said they are still charging \$1.50 for issuing and recording marriage licenses. The attorney general's office has, I see, given an opinion that the charge of \$1 in the new fee bill for issuing and recording marriage licenses is to be full compensation for all labor the county clerk is at in this connection. The attorney general's opinion is certainly correct if the legislative intent is worth anything in getting at the meaning of the provision alluded to.

The Senator then gives a history of the civil fee bill legislation, citing authorities, and concludes by saying: To charge \$1.50 is an extortion and violation of the law; clearly so, if the intent of the legislature is to be considered at all.

THE RED MEN.

For the benefit of the children of the forest who inhabit the happy hunting grounds of Brenham and vicinity the following account of a neighboring powwow is reproduced from the Richmond Coaster:

Shawnee Tribe No. 50, Independent Order of Red Men, had a high old time last Monday night. Six pale faces were adopted into the tribe after undergoing many narrow escapes and hair-lifting experiences such as only fall to the lot of those having the temerity to invade the sacred precincts of the reservation. No deaths occurred, however, and though several scalps were partially removed the hirsute adornments of the victims offer no visible evidence of their awful trials. The wigwags of the braves were all occupied. A delegation of about a dozen braves from Columbus was present, and with grunts and ejaculations of approval encouraged the home tribe to torture the invaders. After the war dance and the decision of the council to allow the poor trembling victims to live, the tribe and its visitors repaired to a grand dog roast which had been especially prepared by the squaws for the occasion. On account of the scarcity of dogs, however, chicken, turkey, ham, roast pig, salads and many other viands of various kinds to allure the taste had been substituted, and they were devoured with the rapacity becoming warriors whose appetites had been whetted by contract with the enemy.

ATTEMPTED POISONING.

Bill Thompson Finds London Purple in his Grub Basket.

Since Minnie Lochridge put rough on rats on Jack Norman's mustard and was sent to Huntsville in consequence the business of poisoning has been at a decided standstill.

Once more the poisoner bobs up serenely and resumes business at the old stand.

This time Bill Thompson, colored, who keeps up the night fires at the oil mill, is the individual who it seems has been marked for slaughter by the vendor of "knock-out drops."

Bill's duties are such as to require his entire time from the going down to the rising of the sun, with a brief time for lunch at the midnight hour. Every night Bill provides himself with a lunch, brought from home in a little tin pail which hangs on a convenient peg until the midnight repast is due.

Night before last when Bill sat down to lunch he noticed a peculiar tinge to his biscuits. He at once became suspicious and carrying the victuals near to the electric light, discovered that the entire contents of the bucket had been salted down with a dark looking powder, which on being examined by the superintendent proved to be a sufficient quantity of London purple to cause the death of forty men.

There is no clue to the identity of the poisoner.

A Tennessee lady, Mrs. J. W. Towle, of Philadelphia, Tenn., has been using Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for her baby, who is subject to croup, and says of it: Since I've had your Cough Remedy, baby has been threatened with croup ever so many times, but I would give him a dose of the Remedy and it prevented his having it every time." Hundreds of mothers say the same. Sold by R. E. Luhn.

SEOP LIFTERS.

L. Fink Discovers a Pair of Negro Kleptomaniacs in his Mercantile Establishment.

The propensity of certain members of the colored race towards kleptomania is well known. The old song goes, "Some folks say that a nigger won't steal," leaving the impression that in the opinion of the majority he will. And the cumulative experience of the past is to the effect that given an opportunity the average coon is a born pilferer. There may be psychological reasons for this ruling passion of the race found in their earlier environments during the regime of slavery, but if so, the process of evolution to a higher order of integrity is remarkably slow.

Saturday afternoon L. Fink, a Hebrew merchant who conducts a mercantile business at the corner of Main and Douglass streets, noticed two suspicious looking negroes loitering around his establishment. They were ostensibly on a trading expedition, but the store keeper noticed that they looked a great deal and bought little. Finally when the clerk who was trying to wait on them had crossed to the other side of the store for some article, one of the negroes was seen to swipe a pair of pants which he quickly concealed beneath his coat. The proprietor pounced down on him and made him disgorge, not only the pants, but also a shirt stolen from Mistro Bros. Mr. Fink, in endeavoring to detain both negroes until the police arrived, succeeded in letting them both escape.

There is no medicine in the world equal to Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for the cure of throat and lung diseases. This is a fact that has been proven in numberless cases. Here is a sample of thousands of letters received: "I have tried Chamberlain's Cough Remedy while suffering from a severe throat trouble, and found immediate and effective relief. I can unhesitatingly recommend it."—Edgar W. Whittemore, Editor Grand Rivers (Ky.) Herald. For sale at R. E. Luhn's drug store.

Price of Marriage Permits.

Apropos of the views of Senator Colquit, quoted in the BANNER a day or so ago, wherein that gentleman contends that a fee of \$1 is the limit set by law for issuing marriage license, the views of County Clerk Law, of Galveston, may be interesting reading on the other side of the question. Mr. Law says: "Under the new fee bill, as I understand its interpretation, we are not only allowed, but compelled, to charge \$1.50 for its issuance and recording." The bill specifies \$1 for issuing a marriage license and 50 cents for recording return of any writ required to be returned for record. Now every marriage license is required to be returned to be filed and recorded and kept in this office. This certainly constitutes it a writ, and under the law there is but one way to treat writs in the charging of 50 cents. If the law is defective, or the intentions of the fee bill makers, contrary to this interpretation, I am not to blame for it.

"It is my purpose to abide by the law and I have no power to act upon my own responsibility. The law demands that no rebates be paid from this office and designates this act as a misdemeanor. The penalty prescribed is a fine of not less than \$25 nor more than \$500 for each offense. Now if I was to interpret the law as meaning \$1 charges for marriage license and the proper authorities decided definitely that the interpretation calls for \$1.50, then I would be held to account for as many charges of misdemeanor as licenses had been issued at the \$1 per."

CASTORIA

For Infants and Children.

The little child who is the joy of every mother.

THE melancholy days, the saddest of the year, have come, and it is good for us to take a sober second thought of how we have spent the days, weeks, months and years of our life, and whether there is enough manhood left in us or not to better our condition in the future. Some men live through a life time and never seem to realize that life is a stubborn reality—a battle from the cradle to the grave; that while there are a few flowers and sunbeams, some laughter and joy, there are many thistles and thorns, many heart-aches and pains; that while there may be one voice to encourage, one hand to help, there will be many voices to censure, many hands up-raised to strike. We are all prone to find fault, to censure, to condemn, rather than see the virtues and extol them.

HAS ARRIVED.

The Wonderful Healer, Doctor Euclid Brittain.

To suffering afflicted people who are afflicted with Chronic Diseases, Dr. Brittain comes to Brenham highly recommended with letters and certificates from the very best citizens who have been sufferers for years with various Chronic Diseases. These people live at Navasota, Marshall, Tyler, Rusk, Lufkin, Henderson, Longview, Nacogdoches, Garrison, and many other places in Texas, and he is now making astonishingly Wonderful, Marvelous Cures at Brenham, Texas. He removes all Pain and Soreness like magic quick, and will say to the ladies, that he never fails to cure them permanently of all Diseases of Women without using instruments or exposure of their person. Consultation and examination free. Charges \$1.50 for each treatment. He will make Brenham his home. His office is over Mistro's Store, Giddings building.

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